

WV Health Innovation Collaborative Newsletter

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GOHELP & The West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources

DHHR Partners with Organizations to Address Chronic Disease

The WV Bureau for Public Health's Division of Health Promotion & Chronic Disease is working to implement practice transformation to address hypertension, diabetes and pre-diabetes. Using clinical level data for quality improvement is a key step in the identification and management of at risk patients.

This partnership is:

- Providing technical assistance for health care providers in using their health information systems;
- Providing tools for quality improvement in order to adapt practice protocols;
- Strengthening referral processes to community-based programs, specifically, the National Diabetes Prevention Program; and,
- Engaging pharmacists and worksites as members of team-based care.

Partnering organizations working with the Division of Health Promotion & Chronic Disease include WV Academy of Family Physicians, WVU Office of Health Services Research, WVU School of Pharmacy's Wigner Institute, and the Wellness Council of WV.

For more information about the above project, please contact Jessica Wright at Jessica.G.Wright@wv.gov or at 304-356-4193.



American Cancer Society Introduces the “Health Card”

Many people are not being screened early and often enough for major chronic diseases according to guidelines from the American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, and American Heart Association.

The American Cancer Society has designed a “health card” intended to be used in clinical settings to facilitate an exchange between a patient and provider about tests they may need to have scheduled.

To order your kit, visit <http://www.everydaychoices.org/card-info>.

WV SHIP Program Receives Federal Funding

The West Virginia Bureau of Senior Services WV SHIP (State Health Insurance Assistance Program) has been awarded \$94,642 through the State Health Insurance Assistance Program Performance Improvement and Innovation Grant (HHS-2014-ACL-CDAP-SO-0089).

WV is one of eleven SHIP programs awarded funds through the Administration for Community Living. WV SHIP has hired a volunteer coordinator and is recruiting volunteers to assist with the SHIP program.

Recap of February Better Care Workgroup Meeting

The Better Care workgroup convened on February 19 and featured presentations by Dr. David Chaffin and Dr. Jeff Coben. Dr. Chaffin addressed opiate use during pregnancy in West Virginia and the program he directs with Dr. David Jude at the Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine to help battle this major epidemic.

Dr. Coben gave an overview and update on the West Virginia State Innovation Model grant. This one year grant is focused on developing the State's innovation plan with emphasis on establishing and maintaining necessary organizational structure, broad stakeholder engagement and participation, and formulation and finalization of a final plan. Dr. Coben laid out major deliverables of the project, including an operational plan update, which was submitted February 28.

The Better Health and Lower Cost workgroups were cancelled in February due to inclement weather.

Upcoming WV Health Innovation Collaborative Events

Workgroup Meetings

- **Quarterly Meeting:** March 4, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.
- **Better Health:** March 17, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
- **Better Care:** March 17, 2 p.m.-4 p.m.
- **Lower Cost:** March 18, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Webinar

The Population Health Management and Managing "High Risk" Patients webinar is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24 at 2 p.m. This webinar will examine how health plans are working with hospitals and physician practices to manage high risk patient populations that account for a large portion of the nation's medical expenses. To register, visit <http://www.fiercehealthcare.com>.

Upcoming Partner Events

Meeting People Where They Are

On March 23, 2015, 1-800-Gambler will host a free training event with CEUs for RNs, LPCs, Addiction Counselors and SWs. The Meeting People Where They Are event will be held at 5 Hospital Plaza in Grafton, West Virginia and will focus on the following:

- 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. *Understanding West Virginia's Healthcare Disparities at the Community Level through Visualization and Mapping*
Anne Peton, National Center for the Analysis of Healthcare Data and Center for Rural Health Policy Education and Research
Debrin Jenkins, Executive Director of the WV Rural Health Association
- 10:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. *A New Look at Addiction Treatment in WV*
Patty Deutsch, Problem Gamblers Help Network of West Virginia

A repeat of each session will be hosted from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. To register, contact Walesca Marrera at tccfrn@gmail.com or call 304-265-6838 by March 19.

WV Rural Health Association Annual Conference

On October 14-16, 2015, the West Virginia Rural Health Association will host its annual conference at the Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, West Virginia.

Choosing Wisely Conference

On May 6, 2015, West Virginians for Affordable Health Care will host the Choosing Wisely Conference at Edgewood Country Club in Charleston, West Virginia.

The conference will feature Dr. Patrick Conley, Director of Innovation and Quality for the federal Department of Health and Human Services, as well as Dominic Lorusso from Consumer Reports. Other national and state experts on health care innovation and quality will also be present. Registration information will be available by mid-March.